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AMERICA AT RISK: THE STATE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

In an initiative to fulfill the House Select Committee on Homeland Security's oversight responsibilities, Democrats on the Committee today released the initial findings of a report—*America At Risk: The State of Homeland Security*—detailing the shortcomings of the Bush Administration's homeland security efforts.

“These findings identify the security gaps our country continues to face and reveals major shortcomings in the Administration's homeland security efforts,” said Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security. **“In conducting oversight for almost a year now, our Committee members are deeply concerned that our government is not taking strong and swift enough action to protect the homeland.”**

The initial findings released today summarize vulnerabilities facing ports, chemical facilities, borders, and aviation and shortcomings in the country's preparations for responding to bioterrorism and other terrorist attacks. It goes on to provide findings regarding the homeland security gaps yet to be addressed by the Bush Administration. The final report, to be released next month, will include specific proposals outlining recommendations to close these security gaps.

“The bottom line is that America is not as safe as it needs to be in light of the threats we face. Democrats believe we must move faster and take stronger measures to make sure another 9/11 does not occur.”

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